

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 16-22, 25, and 26 are pending in the application. The Applicants thank Examiner Huynh for the careful consideration given the instant application and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-5, 7-12, 16-22, 25, and 26. By this Amendment, claims 23 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in a continuing application(s). In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and requests a notice stating the same. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In numbered paragraph 3 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action dated June 8, 2010, claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greiner in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA"). The rejection is respectfully traversed and Applicants in no way admit or acknowledge that the purported AAPA is "prior art." Nevertheless, by this Amendment, and solely for purpose of expediting prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 23 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering the rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 16-22, 25, and 26 are pending in the application. All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection are believed to have been properly overcome, traversed, or rendered moot. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. The Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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